

Please cancel claim 18.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

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20. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 16 wherein the coating has a thickness of about 0.2 thousandths of an inch to about 5.0 thousandths of an inch.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 20 wherein the coating has a thickness of about 0.6 thousandths of an inch to about 1.2 thousandths of an inch.

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 21 wherein the coating has a thickness of about 0.8 thousandths of an inch.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 17 wherein the coating has a thickness at about the first and second sides of about 0.2 thousandths of an inch to about 5.0 thousandths of an inch.

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 23 wherein the coating has a thickness at about the first and second sides of about 0.6 thousandths of an inch to about 1.2 thousandths of an inch.

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[Please amend claim 25 as follows.]

25. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 24 wherein the coating has a thickness at about the first and second sides of about 0.8 thousandths of an inch.